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The Middle East: Between Democracy and State Failure?

This workshop examines the unfolding revolts and processes of state formation in the contemporary Arab Middle East from the perspective of democratization theory, and the literatures on institutional and political development. Analyzing State-specific cases, Non-State Actors, and cross-cutting regional dynamics, the workshop will question to what extent we are witnessing early democratization, the emergence of new modes of authoritarianism, or state-failure in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). In addition, the workshop will examine the role, actual and potential, of external actors (notably the United States, European Union, Israel, and multilateral development institutions) in seeking to strengthen positive democratic development and weaken the influence of anti-democratic agents and movements.

